

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the vendor location receives the profile information from the second location in response to the vendor location transmitting the bar code to the second location.

24. (Amended) The system of Claim 18, wherein said second location is a central registration server having a database of said profile information associated with respective said unique bar code and said unique ID number.

Please add new Claim 27 as written below.

27. (New) The system Claim 14, wherein said second location is a central registration server having a database of said profile information associated with respective said bar code and said ID number.

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated March 19, 2002. Applicant has amended Claims 4 and 24 to overcome the Claim Objection to Claim 4 and the rejection of Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments place these claims in condition for reconsideration. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Examiner's request that Applicants submit copies of the non-patent references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 27, 2000 (in a parent patent application No. 09/625,445), copies of these references are submitted herewith.

Regarding Claims 1-6, 13-19 and 26, rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,930,767, *Reber et al. (Reber)*, this rejection is traversed as follows. *Reber* does not